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(c) The question of revising the system of award of community concessions is under consideration. Pending a decision on this question, it has been decided that any concession already enjoyed should not be denied simply as a result of the State Reorganization. In pursuance of this policy, the students of the transferred areas are allowed to enjoy the concession in accordance with the rules in force in the former Travancore–Cochin State.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : Is it a fact that the income-limit fixed for granting educational concessions to students belonging to communities other than Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes is Rs. 1,200 in other districts and it is only Rs. 900 in the Transferred Territory and if so, will the Government be pleased to increase income-limit to the level prevailing in the rest of the Madras State so that there is no difference in income-limit ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already explained the position. As a matter of fact in colleges no income-limit is prescribed in the Kanyakumari district, whereas income-limit is fixed in other districts of the Madras State. Therefore, it would mean revision of the entire thing. They cannot have only advantages. So, I would request the hon. Member to wait for the final decision with regard to the community concession.

Medical graduates (compulsory services in hospitals)

* 910 Q.—Sri V.K. KOTHANDARAMAN: கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

வைத்திய மாணவர்கள் M.B.B.S. படிப்பு முடிந்த உடனே குறிப்பிட்ட காலம் சர்க்கார் ஆஸ்பத்திரிகளில் கட்டாய சேவை செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று உத்தரவு போட உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Government have examined the question of introducing a scheme of making service in rural areas obligatory in respect of medical graduates by giving them scholarship or stipends during the period of their study in the Medical Colleges. But in the view of the increasing number of medical graduates likely to become available for appointment as Assistant Surgeons in the near future, and during the Third Plan period, the scheme has been dropped.

* 911 Q.—Mr. SPEAKER : This is postponed.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, if it is an important question, the hon. Member should be present here. But this is an innocuous question and this is a routine question. I may tell the hon. Members that if a question is important, they could request the Chair to postpone it.

Mr. SPEAKER : Hereafter I will not agree to it.